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1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL A, USDEL GAVE DR. WILNER A COMPLETE
FILL-IN ON ITS CONTENTS, AND WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS
WITH HER SINCE.

2. DR. WILNER FORMALLY SUBMITTED A NEW DOCUMENT UNDER THE
TNC AGENDA ITEM 13, ENTITLED "PROPOSAL FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION
UNDER UN AUSPICES" (E/NGO/52, JULY 19, 1976), AND INFORMALLY
CIRCULATED REVISED DRAFTS OF HER RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, THE
UPSHOT OF HER LOBBYING WITH CERTAIN LDC AND WESTERN DELEGATIONS
WAS THAT SHE ELICITED SOME EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND FUTURE
SUPPORT, BUT NO DELEGATION WAS PREPARED TO TAKE AN INITIATIVE
AT THIS ECOSOC SESSION ON THIS NEW SUBJECT BECAUSE OF
PREOCCUPATION WITH EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS AS WELL AS LACK
OF INSTRUCTIONS.

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3. AS OF THE CLOSE OF THIS SESSION WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO DR. WILNER THAT IF SHE DECIDES TO PURSUE THIS MATTER, SHE ASCERTAIN FROM THE SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK THE PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING THE INCLUSION OF AN ITEM ON ECOSOC'S AGENDA FOR 1977 (PRESUMABLY THE SUMMER SESSION AND PREFERABLY NOT UNDER THE TNC RUBRIC), AND THAT SHE THEN APPROACH A SYMPATHETIC DELEGATION TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST IN TIME TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SECRETARIAT'S REPORT TO THE JANUARY ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF ECOSOC. A LOGICAL SPONSOR WOULD BE THE NETHERLANDS, WHERE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE IOCU IS LOCATED. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS COLOMBIA, WHOSE ECOSOC PERMREP SEEMS PREPARED TO LEND A HAND. WE TOLD DR. WILNER WE WOULD IN PRINCIPLE SUPPORT AN INITIATIVE OF THIS KIND. SHE SAYS THE MEXICAN REP SUGGESTED THE AGENDA OF THE 31ST GA, BUT WE DO NOT THINK THIS IS REALISTIC.

4. AS FOR THE PRECISE LANGUAGE OF DR. WILNER'S DRAFT RESOLUTION TO SET IN MOTION UN STUDY GROUP, WE SUGGESTED THIS COULD BE DISCUSSED LATER ONCE THE ITEM IS ON THE AGENDA. CATTO

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